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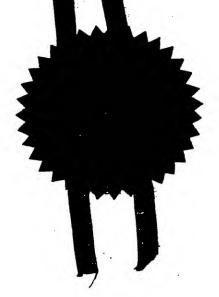


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Cloned DNA sequences related to the genomic RNA of lymphadenopathy-associated-virus (LAV) and proteins encoded by said LAV genomic RNA

The invention relates to cloned DNA sequences indistinguishable from genomic RNA and DNA of lymphadenopathy-associated virus (LAV), a process for their preparation and their uses. It relates more particularly to stable probes including a DNA sequence which can be used for the detection of the LAV virus or related viruses or DNA proviruses in any medium, particularly biological samples containing any of them. The invention also relates to polypeptides, whether glycosylated or not, encoded by said DNA sequences.

Lymphadenopathy-associated virus (LAV) is a human retrovirus first isolated from the lymph node of a homosexual patient with lymphadenopathy syndrome, frequently a prodrome or a benign form of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). Subsequently other LAV isolates have been recovered from patients with AIDS or pre-AIDS. All available data are consistent with the virus being the causative agent of AIDS.

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A method for cloning such DNA sequences has already been disclosed in Sritish Patent Application Nr. 84 23658 filed on September 19, 1984. Reference is hereafter made to that application as concerns subject matter in common with the further improvements to the invention disclosed herein.

The present invention sime at providing additional new means which should not only also be useful for the detection of LAV or related viruses (hereafter more generally referred to as "LAV viruses"), but also have more versatility, particularly in detecting specific parts of the genomic DNA of said viruses whose expression products are not always directly detectable by immunological methods.

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polypeptides containing sequences in common with polypeptides encoded by the LAV genomic RNA. It relates even more particularly to polypeptides comprising antigenic determinants included in the proteins encoded and expressed by the LAV genome occuring in nature. An additional object of invention is to further provide means for the detection of proteins related to LAV virus, perticularly for the diagnosis of AIDS or pre-AIDS or, to the contrary, for the detection of antibodies against the LAV virus or related therewith, particularly in patients proteins afflicted with AIDS or pre-AIDS or more generally in asymtomatic carriers and in blood-related products. Finally the invention also aims at providing immunogenic polypeptides, and more particularly protective polypeptides for use in the preparation of vaccine compositions against AIDS or related syndroms.

The present invention relates to additional DNA fragments, hybridizable with the genomic RNA of LAV as they will be disclosed hereafter, as well as with additional cDNA variants corresponding to the whole genomes of LAV viruses. It further relates to DNA recombinants containing said DNAs or cDNA fragments.

The invention relates more particularly to a cDNA variant corresponding to the whole of LAV retrovirsl genomes, which is characterized by a series of restriction sites in the order hereafter (from the 5' end to the 3' end).

The coordinates of the successive sites of the whole LAV genome (restriction map) are indicated hereafter too, with respect to the Hind III site (selected as of coordinate 1) which is located in the R region. The coordinates are estimated with an accuracy of 200 bp.:

	Hind III	. 0
	Sac I	50
35	Hind III	520
	Pat I	800
	Hind III	1 100

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	8gl II	1	500
	Kpn I	3	500
	Kpn I	3	900
	Eco RI	4	100
5	Eco RI	5	300
	Sal I	5	500
	Kpn I	6	100
	Bgl II	6	500
	8g1 II	7	600
10	Hind III	7	850
	Bam HI	8.	150
	Xho I	8	600
•	Kpn I	8	700
	Bgl II	8	750
15	8gl II	9	150
	Sac I	9	200
	Hind III	9	250

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Another DNA variant according to this invention optionally contains an additional Hind III approximately at the 5 550 coordinate.

Reference is further made to fig. 1 which shows a more detailed restriction map of said whole-DNA (AJ18).

An even more detailed nucleotidie sequence of a preferred DNA according to the invention is shown in fig. 4-12 hereafter.

The invention further relates to other preferred DNA fragments which will be referred to hereafter.

Additional features of the invention will appear in the course of the non-limitative disclosure of additional features of preferred DNAs of the invention, as well as of preferred polypeptides according to the invention. Reference will further be had to the drawings in which:

- fig. 1 is the restriction map of a complete LAV genome (clone AJ19):

35 - figs. 2 and 3 show diagrammatically parts of the three

possible reading phases of LAV genomic RNA, including the open reading frames (ORF) apparent in each of said reading phases;

- figs. 4-12 show the successive nucleotidic sequences of a complete LAV genome. The possible peptidic sequences in relation to the three possible reading phases related to the nucleotidic sequences shown are also indicated:
- figs. 13-18 reiterate the sequence of part of the LAV genome containing the genes coding for the enveloppe proteins, with particular boxed peptidic sequences which corresponds to groups which normally carry glycosyl groups.

The sequencing and determination of sites of particular interest was carried out on a phage recombinant corresponding to AJ19 disclosed in the abovesaid British Patent application Nr. 84 23659. A method for preparing it is disclosed in that application.

The whole recombinant phage DNA of clone AJ19 (disclosed in the earlier application) was sonicated according to the protocol of DEININGER (1883), Analytical Biochem. 129, 218. the DNA was repaired by a Klenow reaction for 12 hours at 16°C. The DNA was electrophoresed through 0.8 I agarose gel and DNA in the size range of 300-800 bp was cut out and electroeluted and precipitated. Resuspended DNA (in 10 mM Tris, pH 8; 0.1 mM EDTA) was ligated into M13mp8 RF DNA (cut by the restriction enzyme Smal and subsequently alkaline phosphated), using T6 DNA-and RNA-ligases (Manistis T et al (1882) - Molecular cloning - Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory). An E. Colistrain designated as TG1 was used for further study. This atrain has the following genotype:

Alac pro. supE, thi.F'trsD36, proA8, lacIq, ZAM15,r

This  $E_{\rm coli}$  TGI strain has the peculiarity of enabling recombinants to be recognized easily. The blue colour of the cells transfected with plasmids which did

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not recombine with a fragment of LAV DNA is not modified. To the contrary cells transfected by a recombinant plasmid containing a LAV DNA fragment yield white colonies. The technique which was used is disclosed in Gene (1983), 28, 101.

This strain was transformed with the ligation mix using the Hanahan method (Hanahan D (1983) J. Mol. Biol. 168, 557). Cells were plated out on tryptone-agarose plate with IPTG and X-gal in soft agarose. White plagues were either picked and screened or screened directly in situ using nitrocellulose filters. Their DNAs were hybridized nick-translated DNA inserts of pUC18 Hind III subclones of AJ19. this permitted the isolation of the plasmids or subclones of A which are identified in the table hereafter. In relation to this table it should also be noted that the designation of each plasmid is followed by the deposition number of a cell culture of £. coli TGI containing the corresponding plasmid at the "Collection Nationale des Cultures de Micro-organismes" (C.N.C.M.) of the Pasteur Institute in Paris, France. A non-transformed TGI cell line was also deposited at the C.N.C.M. under Nr. I-364. All these deposits took place on November 15, 1984. The sizes of the corresponding inserts derived from the LAV genome have also been indicated.

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# TABLE Essential features of the recombinant plasmids

5 - pJ19 - 1 plasmid (I-365) 0.5 kb

Hind III - Sac I - Hind III

- pJ19 - 17 plasmid (I-367) 0.8 kg

Hind III - Pat 1 - Hind III

- pJ19 - 8 plasmid (I-368) 1.5 kb

15 Hind III (5')

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Xho I

Kpn I

Bgl II

20 Sac I (3')

Hind III

- pJ19-13 plasmid (I-368) 6.7 kb

25 Hind III (5')

Sgl II

Kpn I

Kpn I

Eco RI

30 Eco RI

Sal I

Kpn I

Bgl II

Bg1 11

35 Hind III (3')

M : méthionine

W : tryptophan

F : phenylalanine

Y : tyrosine

· L : leucine

V : valine

I : isoleucine

G : glycine

Y : thréonine

10 S : serine

E : glutamic acid

0 : Aspartic acid

N : asparagine

**Q** : glutamine

P : proline.

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The asterik signs "" correspond to stop codons (i.e. TAA, TAG and TGA).

Starting above the first line of the DNA nucleotidic sequence of fig. 4 the three reading phases are respectively marked "1", "2", "3", on the left handside of the drawing. The same relative presentation of the three theoritical reading phases is then used all over the successives lines of the LAV nucleotidic sequence.

Figs. 2 and 3 provide a diagrammatized represen25 tation of the lengths of the successive open reading
frames corresponding to the successive reading phases
(also referred to by numbers "1", "2" and "3" appearing in
the left handside part of fig. 2). The relative positions
of these open reading frames (ORF) with respect to the
30 nucleotidic structure of the LAV genome is referred to by
the scale of numbers representative of the respective
positions of the corresponding nucleotides in the DNA
sequence. The vertical bars correspond to the positions of
the corresponding stop codons.

#### 15 1) The "dag dene" (or ORF-dag)

The "gag gene" codes for core proteins.

Particularly it appears that a genomic fragment (ORF-gag) thought to code for the core antigens including the p25, p18 and p13 proteins is located between nucleotidic position 236 (starting with 5° CTA GCG GAG 3') and nucleotidic position 1759 (ending by CTCG TCA CAA 3'). The structure of the peptides or proteins encoded by parts of said ORF is deemed to be that corresponding to phase 2.

The methionine aminoacid "M" coded by the ATG at position 280-282 is the probable initiation methionine of the gag protein precursor. The end of ORF-gag and accordingly of gag protein appears to be located at position 1759.

The beginning of p25 protein, thought to start by a P-I-V-Q-N-I-Q-G-Q-H-V-H ... aminoacid sequence is thought to be coded for by the nucleotidic sequence CCTATA..., starting at position 658.

Hydrophilic peptides in the gag open reading frame are identified hereafter. They are defined starting from aminoacid 1 = Met (M) coded by the ATG starting from 260-2 in the LAV DNA sequence.

Those hydrophilic peptides are ... 12-32 aminoacids inclusive

	37-46	•	•
	49-79	•	•
25	88-153	•	•
	158-165	•	•
	178-188	•	•
	200-220	•	•
	226-234	•	•
30	239-264	•	• ,
	288-331	•	•
	352-381	•	•
	377-390	•	•
	399-432	•	•
35	437-484	•	-
	492-498	•	•

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The invention also relates to any combination of these peptides.

#### 2) The "pol gene" (or ORF-pol)

Figs. 4-12 also show that the DNA fragments extending from nucleotidic position 1555 (starting with 5'TTT TTT ....3' to nucleotidic position 5086 is thought to correspond to the pol gene. The polypeptidic structure of the corresponding polypeptides is deemed to be that corresponding to phase 1. It stops at position 4563 (end by 5'G GAT GAG GAT 3').

These genes are thought to code for the virus polymerase or reverse transcriptase.

#### 3) The envelope gene (or ORF-env)

The DNA sequence thought to code for envelope proteins is thought to extend from nucleotidic position 5670 (starting with 5'AAA GAG GAG A....3') up to nucleotidic position 8132 (ending by ....A ACT AAA GAA 3'). Polypeptidic structures of sequences of the envelope protein correspond to those read according to the 'phase 3' reading phase.

The start of env transcription is thought to be at the level of th ATG codon at positions 5681-5893.

Additional feature of the envelope protein coded by the env genes appear on figs. 13-18. These are to be considered as paired figs. 13 and 14 : 15 and 16 : 17 and 18 respectively.

It is to be mentioned that because of format difficulties.

Fig. 14 overlaps to some extent with fig. 13.

Fig. 15 overlaps to some extent with fig. 15.

Fig. 18 overlaps to some extent with fig. 17.

Thus for instance figs. 13 and 14 must be considered together. Particularly the sequence shown on the first line on the top of fig. 13 overlaps with the sequence shown on the first line on the top of fig. 14. In other words the starting of the reading of the successive

sequences of the envigene as represented in figs. 13-18 involves first reading the first line at the top of fig. 13 then proceeding further with the first line of fig. 14. One then returns to the beginning of the second line of fig. 13, then again further proceed with the reading of the second line of page 14, etc... The same observations then apply to the reading of the paired figs. 15 and 18, and paired figs. 17 and 18, respectively.

The locations of neutralizing epitopes are further apparent in figs. 13-18, reference is more particularly made to the boxed groups of three letters included in the aminoacid sequences of the envelope proteins (reading phase 3) which can be designated generally by the formula N-X-S or N-X-T, wherein X is any other possible aminoacid. 15 Thus the initial protein product of the env gene in a glycoprotein of molecular weight in excess of 91,000. These groups are deemed to generally carry glycosylated groups. These N-X-S and N-X-T groups with attached glycosylated groups form together hydrophylic regions of the protein and are deemed to be located at the periphery of and to be exposed sutwardly with respect to the normal conformation of the proteins. Consequently they are considered as being epitopes which can efficiently be brought into play in vaccine compositions.

The invention thus concerns with more particularity peptide sequences included in the env-proteins and excizable therefrom (or having the same aminoacid structure), having sizes not exceeding 200 aminoacids.

Preferred peptides of this invention (referred to hereafter as a, b, c, d, e, f) are deemed to correspond to those encoded by the nucleotide sequences which extend respectively between the following positions :

- a) from about 8095 to about 6200
- 6260 . \* 6310 64
- 6440 35 c) 6390

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6465 dl

• 7 6860 " 6930 f } 7535 " 7630

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Other hydrophilic peptides in the env open reading frame are identified hereafter, they are defined starting s from

aminoacid 1 = lysine (K) coded by the AAA at position 5870-2 in the LAV DNA sequence.

These hydrophilic peptides are

8-23 aminoscide inclusive

10	63-78	•	•
	82-90	•	•
	97-123	•	•
	127-183	•	•
	197-201	•	•
15	239-294	•	•
	300-327	•	•
	334-361	•	-
	397-424	•	•
	466-500	• .	-
20	510-523	•	-
	551-577	•	•
	594-603	•	-
	521-530	•	
	657-679	•	•
25	719-758	•	•
	780-803	•	•

The invention also relates to any combination of these peptides.

#### 4) The other ORE

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The invention further concerns DNA sequences which provide open reading frames defined as ORF-Q, ORF-R and as -1" -2", "3", "4", "5", the relative position of which appears more particularly in figs. 2 and 3.

These ORFs have the following locations :

stop 5086 phase 1 start 4478 35 ORF-Q - 2 . 8896 8249 ORF-R

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ORF-1	•	1	•	5029	•	5316
ORF-2	•	2	•	5273	-	5515
ORF-3	•	1	•	5383	-	5516
ORF-4		2	•	5519	•	5773
ORF-5	•	1	•	7986	-	8279

The LTR (long terminal repeats) can be defined as lying between position 8560 and position 180 (end extending over position 9097/1). As a matter of fact the end of the genome is at 9097 and, because of the LTR structure of the retrovirus, links up with the beginning of the sequence:

# Hind III CTCAATAAAGCTTGCCTTG

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The invention concerns more particularly all the DNA fragments which have been more specifically referred to hereabove and which correspond to open reading frames. It will be understood that the man skilled in the art will be able to obtain them all, for instance by cleaving an entire DNA corresponding to the complete genome of a LAV species, such as by cleavage by a partial or complete digestion thereof with a suitable restriction enzyme and by the subsequent recovery of the relevant fragments. The different DNAs disclosed in the earlier mentioned British Application can be resorted to also as a source of suitable fragments. The techniques disclosed hereabove for the isolation of the fragments which were then included in the plasmids referred to hereabove and which were then used for the DNA sequencing can be used.

Of course other methods can be used. Some of them have been examplified in the earlier British Application. reference is for instance made to the following methods.

a) DNA can be transfected into mammalian cells
35 with appropriate selection markers by a variety of techniques, calcium phosphate precipitation, polyethylene

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glycol, protoplast-fusion, etc..

- b) DNA fragments corresponding to genes can be closed into expression vectors for  $\underline{\mathbf{F}}$ .  $\underline{\mathbf{coli}}$ , yeast- or mammalian cells and the resultant proteins purified,
- c) The provival DNA can be "shot-gunned" (fragmented) into procaryotic expression vectors to generate
  fusion polypeptides. Recombinant producing antigenically
  competent fusion proteins can be identified by simply
  screening the recombinants with antibodies against LAV
  antigens.

The invention also relates more specifically to cloned probes which can be made starting from any ONA fragment according to this invention, thus to recombinant ONAs containing such fragments, particularly any plasmids amplifiable in procaryotic or sucaryotic cells and carrying said fragments.

Using the cloned DNA fragments as a molecular hypridization probe - either by marking with radionucleotides or with fluorescent reagents - LAV virion RNA may be detected directly in the blood, body fluids and blood products (e.g. of the antihemophylic factors such as factor VIII concentrates) and vaccines, i.e. hepatitis 8 vaccine. It has already been shown that whole virus can be detected in culture supernatants of LAV producing cells. A suitable method for achieving that detection comprises immobilizing virus onto said a support e.g. nitrocellulose filters, etc., disrupting the virion and hybridizing with cold" fluorescent- or (radiolabelled or enzyme-labelled) probes. Such an approach has already been developed for Hepatitis & virus in peripheral blood (according to SCOTTO J. at al. Hepatology (1983), J. 379-384).

prohes according to the invention can also be used for rapid acreening of genomic DNA derived from the tissue of patients with LAV related symptoms, to see if the proviral DNA or RNA is present in hust tissue and other

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A method which can be used for such screening comprise the following steps: extraction of DNA from tissue, restriction enzyme cleavage of said DNA, electrophoresis of the fragments and Southern blotting of genomic DNA from tissues, subsequent hybridization with labelled cloned LAV provival DNA. Hybridization in situ can also be

Lymphatic fluids and tissues and other non-lympha10 tic tissues of humans, primates and other mammalian species can also be acreened to see if other evolutionnary related retrovirus exist. The methods referred to hereabove can be used, although hybridization and washings would be done under non stringent conditions.

The DNA according to the invention can be used also for achieving the expression of LAV viral antigens for diagnostic purposes.

The invention also relates to the polypeptides themselves which can be expressed by the different DNAs of the inventions, particularly by the ORFs or fragments thereof, in appropriate hosts, particularly procaryotic or eucaryotic hosts, after transformation thereof with a suitable vector previously modified by the corresponding DNAs.

These polypeptides can be used as diagnostic tools, particularly for the detection of antibodies in biological media, particularly in sera or tissues of persons afflicted with pre-AIDS or AIDS, or simply carrying antibodies in the absence of any apparent disorders. Conversely the different peptides according to this invention can be used themselves for the production of antibodies, preferably monoclonal antibodies specific of the different peptides respectively. For the production of hybridomas secreting said monoclonal antibodies conventional production and screening methods are used. These monoclonal antibodies, which themselves are part of

the invention then provide very useful tools for the identification and even determination of relative proportions of the different polypeptides or proteins in biological samples, particularly human samples containing 5 LAV or related viruses.

Thus all of the above peptides can be used in diagnostics as sources of immunogens or antigens free of viral particles, produced using non-permissive systems. and thus of little or no biohazard risk.

The invention further relates to the hosts (procaryotic or eucaryotic cells) which are transformed by the above mentioned recombinants and which are capable of expressing said DNA fragments.

Finally it also relates to vaccine compositions

15 whose active principle is to be constituted by any of the
expressed antigens, i.e. whole antigens, fusion polypeptides or oligopeptides in association with a suitable
pharmaceutical or physiologically acceptable carrier.

Preferably the active principles to be considered in that field consist of the peptides containing less than 250 aminoacid units, preferably less than 150 as deducible for the complete genomes of LAV, and even more preferably those peptides which contain one or more groups selected from N-X-S and N-X-T as defined above. Preferred peptides 25 for use in the production of vaccinating principles are peptides (a) to (f) as defined above. By way of example having no limitative character, there may be mentioned that suitable dosages of the vaccine compositions are to administration which enable particularly human host ranging from 10 to 500 micrograms per kg. for instance 50 to 100 micrograms per kg.

For the purpose of clarity figs. 19 to 25 are added. reference may be made thereto in case of difficulties of reading blurred parts of figs. 4 to 12.

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Needless to say that figs. 19-28 are merely a reiteration of the whole DNA sequence of the LAV genoma.

finally the invention also concerns vectors for the transformation of eucaryotic cells of human origin. particularly lymphocytes, the polymerases of which are capable of recognizing the LTRs of LAV. Particularly said vectors are characterized by the presence of a LAV LTR therein, said LTR being then active as a promoter enabling the efficient transcription and translation in a suitable host of the above defined, of a DNA insert coding for a determined protein placed under its controls.

Needless to say that the invention extends to all variants of genomes and corresponding DNA fragments (ORFs) having substantially equivalent properties, all of said genomes belonging to retroviruses which can be considered as equivalents of LAV.

#### CLAIMS

- 1. A DNA fragment of LAV extending from nucleotide position 236 to nucleotide position 1759.
- 2. A DNA fragment of LAV extending from nucleotide position 1555 to nucleotide position 5086.
  - 3. A DNA fragment of LAV extending from nucleotide position 5670 to nucleotide position 8132.
  - 4. A vector containing a DNA fragment according to any of claims 1 to 3.
- 5. Peptide corresponding to any of those encoded by the nucleotide sequences which extend respectively between the following positions:
  - a) from about 6095 to about 6200
  - b) 6260 6310
- 15 c) " " 8390 " " 6440
  - d) " 6485 " 6820
  - ) " " 6860 " " 6930
  - f) \* 7535 \* 7630
- 8. Peptide characterized by a sequence of amino-20 acids deducible from LAV DNA the terminal aminoacids of which extend between the following positions with respect to the lysine (position 1) coded by the AAA at position 5870-5872 in the LAV DNA.

8-23 aminoacids inclusive

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	82-90	•	•
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or any combination of these peptides.

7. Peptide corresponding to the aminoacid sequences deducible from LAV DNA and the terminal aminoacids of which are positionned at the positions hereafter counted from the Met at position 1 coded by the ATG sequence at nucleotide positions 250-2:

12-32 aminoacids inclusive

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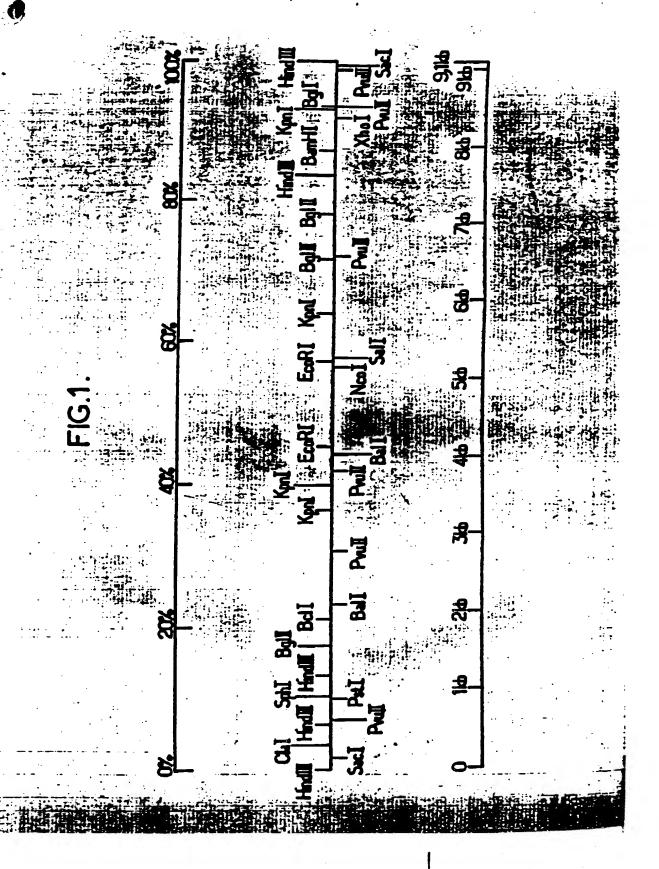
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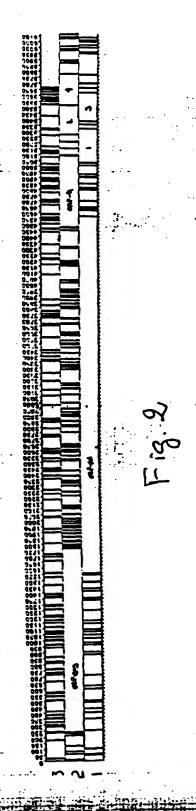
- 8. Diagnostic means containing any of the DNA fragments of any of claims 1 to 3.
- Diagnostic means containing any of the paptides
   of any of claims 4 to 8.
- 10. Vaccine compositions containing any of the peptides according to any of claims 4 to 6 in association with a pharmaceutical vehicle.

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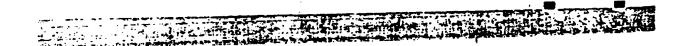
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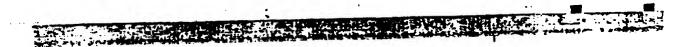
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